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Program

Welcome
Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, M.D., the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Medicine and Public Health

Interns Completing General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Mirza N. Baig, M.D., Ph.D.
Lloyd G. Brown, M.D.
Matthew J. Fabian, M.D., Ph.D.
Mason G. Fisher, M.D.
Chris S. Karas, M.D.
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Vance L. Smith, M.D.
T. Chris Tran, M.D.
JoAnn E. Warrick, M.D.
Brian J. Winkleman, M.D.

Specialty Residents Completing General Surgery
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2004
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Andrew Jimerson II, M.D.
Sarah E. McMillan, M.D.
Sarah E. Nargi, M.D.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellows
Presented by Robert E. Michler, M.D., the John G. and Jeanne B. McCoy Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Program Director, Cardiothoracic Surgery

Louis I. Astra, M.D.
Ali R. Khan, M.B.B.S.
General Surgery Residents
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General Vascular Surgery Fellow
Presented by William L. Smead, M.D., the Luther M. Keith Professor of Surgery; Program Director, General Vascular Surgery

David J. Finlay, M.D.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellows
Presented by W. Scott Melvin, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of General Surgery; Director, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery; Program Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Dean J. Mikami, M.D.
Matthew E. Newlin, M.D.

Pediatric Surgery Resident
Presented by Donna A. Caniano, M.D., the H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery

Cynthia A. Corpron, M.D.

Plastic Surgery Residents
Presented by Robert L. Ruberg, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Senior Vice Chairman for Academic and Administrative Affairs, Department of Surgery

Rafael D. Gottenger, M.D.
Daniel L. Kapp, M.D.
Gregory D. Pearson, M.D.

Surgical Critical Care Fellow
Presented by Larry C. Martin, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care

Weidun Alan Guo, M.D., Ph.D.
Surgical Oncology Fellow

Presented by William B. Farrar, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology; Program Director, Surgical Oncology

Doreen M. Agnese, M.D.

Urologic Surgery Residents

Presented by Robert R. Bahnson, M.D., the Dave Longaberger Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Urology; Program Director, Urologic Surgery

Michael R. Gigax, M.D.
M. Chad Wallis, M.D.

Award Recipients

Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, M.D., the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Medicine and Public Health

Bestowed by Faculty Judges
Ninth Annual Resident Research Conference Awards

Bestowed by Medical Students
Faculty Teaching Award

Bestowed by Department of Surgery
Residents’ Medical Student Teaching Award

Bestowed by Surgery Faculty
Intern of the Year Award
Resident of the Year Award

Bestowed by Surgery Residents
Fellow Teaching Award
Faculty Teaching Award
John L. Robinson Award

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening.
Doreen M. Agnese, M.D.

Program
Surgical Oncology and Clinical Cancer Genetics, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Teaneck, New Jersey

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, 1989

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Robert Wood
Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1993

Other Specialty Training
• General surgery residency, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New
  Jersey Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey,
  1993–1999
• Research fellowship, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
  Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1999–
  2001

Specialty Interests
Cancer genetics, breast cancer

Research Interests
Genetics, breast cancer, melanoma, and all aspects of surgical oncology

Publications while at Ohio State
Five

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Doreen has performed in an exemplary fashion. She has the unique advantage
of having undertaken additional genetics fellowship training, and has a great
opportunity to be a major contributor to surgical oncology.
Louis I. Astra, M.D.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery, January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004

Place of Birth
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1996

Other Specialty Training
Internship and general surgery residency, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 1996–2002

Specialty Interests
General cardiothoracic surgery

Research Interests
Congestive heart failure

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private practice of general cardiothoracic surgery

Program Director’s Comments
It was a pleasure watching Lou blossom from a quiet, unsure resident into a wonderfully-balanced, confident cardiothoracic surgeon.
Diego R. Camacho, M.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1993

Medical Degree
M.D., Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1998

Specialty Interests
Laparoscopic surgery

Research Interests
Upper gastrointestinal surgery

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Minimally invasive surgery fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Program Director’s Comments
Diego has done a fine job during his residency, displaying good clinical judgment, a strong knowledge base, and excellent technical skills. His energy and enthusiasm have endeared him to everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him. Baylor College of Medicine, where he plans to go for a minimally invasive surgery fellowship, will certainly be fortunate to have him.
Cynthia A. Corpron, M.D.

Program
Pediatric Surgery, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Undergraduate and Medical Degrees
B.S., M.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1988

Other Specialty Training
- Pediatric surgical oncology, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, 1993–1997
- Fellow in surgical critical care, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1998–1999
- Research fellow in surgical oncology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1997–2002

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
- Regulation of angiogenesis in pediatric tumors
- Breast cancer as a second malignant neoplasm

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Research Day Award, Columbus Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2003

Publications while at Ohio State
Seven

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Corpron is a dedicated pediatric surgeon with an outstanding work ethic. She is committed to a career in academic pediatric surgery with a research interest in surgical oncology.
Hosam F. El Sayed, M.D., Ph.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Cairo, Egypt

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Cairo Medical School, Cairo, Egypt, 1990

Other Degrees
• M.S., University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, 1996
• Ph.D., University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, 1998

Specialty Interests
Vascular surgery

Research Interests
Endovascular surgery

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Fourth Place, 13th Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2002

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Vascular surgery fellowship, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia

Program Director’s Comments
Hosam is thoroughly dedicated to the study and craft of surgery. His breadth and depth of knowledge is outstanding, and he approaches each case with enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity. He is approachable, patient, and generous in sharing his time and attention with medical students and junior residents, for whom he has been an exceptional teacher. It has been a pleasure for all of us to work with him, and we will be proud to have him represent us at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he plans to complete a vascular surgery fellowship.
David J. Finlay, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
South Bend, Indiana

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, 1989

Medical Degree
M.D., George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C., 1993

Other Specialty Training
• General surgery/transitional internship, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., 1993–1994
• General surgery, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pennsylvania, 1998–1999
• General surgery residency, University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics, Columbia, Missouri, 1999–2000
• General surgery residency, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, 2000–2003

Specialty Interests
Endovascular surgery

Research Interests
Medical management of chemical casualties, medical defense against biological warfare agents

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Endovascular surgery fellowship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Finlay joined us after serving at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he was assigned to special forces of the U.S. Army, and completing his general surgery residency at Washington University. While on military assignment, he was posted as trauma support to President Clinton, which allowed Dr. Finlay to travel extensively and view the world political scene from an unusual vantage point. This training and experience matured him, enabling him to take a more assertive approach to the fellowship here, both as a student and a teacher. He plans to go on to an endovascular fellowship at Texas Tech University, where he will pursue a career in vascular surgery.
Michael R. Gigax, M.D.

Program
Urology, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Anchorage, Alaska

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1999

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Dover, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Mike is an extraordinarily skilled surgeon. A born problem-solver, he will be an outstanding practitioner.
Rafael D. Gottenger, M.D.

Program
Plastic Surgery, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Caracas, Venezuela

Medical Degree
M.D., Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, 1988

Other Specialty Training
- General surgery, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, 1989–1992
- Microsurgery fellowship, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia, 1997–1998
- Craniofacial fellowship, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia, 1998–2000
- General surgery, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami, Florida, 2000–2002

Specialty Interests
Craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private, hospital-associated practice

Program Director’s Comments
Endlessly curious, Rafael has worked hard and challenged assumptions during his two years at Ohio State. He is interested in craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery, and plans a career in private practice associated with a hospital. We wish him the best in his career, and will miss his asking, “Why?”
Weidun Alan Guo, M.D., Ph.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Shantou, China

Medical Degree
M.D., Shantou University Medical College, Shantou, China, 1984

Other Degrees
Ph.D., Department of Surgery, Lund University Medical School, Lund, Sweden, 1993

Specialty Interests
Surgical critical care

Research Interests
Surgical infections

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Continuation of general surgery residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Guo has been an asset to our critical care program, bringing to our attention very worthwhile viewpoints from his previous training and experience. As the only ICU resident this year, he has assumed a great burden in taking responsibility for scheduling, and he has done a stellar job.
David A. Jones, M.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 1998 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
St. Louis, Missouri

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1987

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado, 1998

Other Specialty Training
Surgical critical care fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2001–2002

Specialty Interests
Critical care, laparoscopic surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private practice

Program Director’s Comments
David is passionate about his work, and this trait is evidenced by the high-quality care he provides. He is conscientious and compassionate in patient care, and his interactions with faculty, staff, peers, medical students, and patients are exemplary. He has matured into a strong leader and role model for residents and medical students, who appreciate his approachability and teaching. We wish him the best in his career.
Daniel L. Kapp, M.D.

**Program**
Plastic Surgery, July 1, 1998 – June 30, 2004

**Place of Birth**
Miami, Florida

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.A., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1991

**Medical Degree**
M.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, 1998

**Specialty Interests**
General plastic surgery

**Occupation upon Completion of Program**
Anastasi fellow, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts

**Program Director’s Comments**
During his six years at Ohio State, Dan has displayed endless enthusiasm, worked hard, and grown in insight and maturity. As the Department of Surgery representative on the Residents Advisory Council at University Medical Center, he has served as a dedicated advocate for surgery residents. Dan’s efforts have resulted in tangible improvements in policies, facilities, and activities, which in turn have elevated resident morale. We will miss his enthusiasm, skills, and laughter.
Ali R. Khan, M.B.B.S.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Multan, Punjab, Pakistan

Undergraduate Degree
F.Sc., University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, 1991

Medical Degree
M.B.B.S., King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, 1994

Other Specialty Training
• Clinical attachment, Allama Iqbal Medical College, Department of Pediatrics, Lahore, Pakistan, Oct. 1994 – Feb. 1995
• House physician, King Edward Medical College, Department of Pediatric Psychiatry, Lahore, Pakistan, March – August 1995
• House surgeon, King Edward Medical College, Department of Neurosurgery, Lahore, Pakistan, Sept. 1995 – March 1996
• Postgraduate fellow, Allama Iqbal Medical College, Department of Medicine, Lahore, Pakistan, April – Sept. 1996
• Medical officer, Hameed Latif Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan, Oct. – Dec. 1996
• General surgery resident, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York, July 1997 – June 2002

Specialty Interests
Off-pump cardiac surgery

Research Interests
Effects of pulsatile flow during cardiac bypass surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Cardiac surgeon

Program Director’s Comments
Ali is one of the most gifted technical surgeons that I have had the pleasure of training, and he will certainly do well in his craft.
Dean J. Mikami, M.D.

**Program**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

**Place of Birth**
Saigon, Vietnam

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1991

**Medical Degree**
M.D., University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas, 1997

**Other Specialty Training**
General surgery residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1998–2003

**Specialty Interests**
Minimally invasive surgery, bariatrics, robotic surgery

**Research Interests**
Minimally invasive surgery

**Honors and Awards while at Ohio State**
- Resident of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2003
- Outstanding Laparoscopic Surgeon, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2002 and 2003

**Publications while at Ohio State**
Five

**Occupation upon Completion of Program**
Assistant Professor of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Mikami was a very active member of our team this year, completing more than 400 advanced minimally invasive surgery cases. He also participated in a number of clinical research protocols and collaborated on many publications. Dr. Mikami was very involved in surgical education throughout the year, and presented at national, regional, and local meetings. He worked extremely hard and was a very productive member of our team. He and his wife, Shelley, will remain in Columbus, and in July, Dr. Mikami will join the faculty and begin his seventh year at Ohio State.
Matthew E. Newlin, M.D.

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Huntingdon Furnace, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1991

Medical Degree

Other Specialty Training
General surgery residency, Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 1998–2003

Specialty Interests
Advanced laparoscopic surgery, bariatrics

Research Interests
Laparoscopic surgery

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
General and laparoscopic surgery, Altoona, Pennsylvania

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Newlin had an extremely busy clinical year, completing more than 400 advanced laparoscopic cases and participating in a number of clinical research studies. He was active in surgical education, and presented at several national and regional meetings. Dr. Newlin also co-authored several articles and book chapters. He was an excellent member of our team and is certain to excel in his future career. Dr. Newlin and his wife, Laura, will return to his home state of Pennsylvania, where his practice will focus on advanced laparoscopic surgery.
Gregory D. Pearson, M.D.

Program
Plastic Surgery, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Cleveland, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1998

Specialty Interests
Craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Craniofacial fellowship, Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, Indiana

Program Director’s Comments
Known for his friendly and considerate manner, Greg is truly one of the most likeable people you will ever meet. His positive attitude, congenial personality, and professionalism are exemplary. Greg has worked hard and done a great job at Ohio State, and we will miss his enthusiasm, dedication, and friendliness.
David J. Robertson, M.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 1998 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1993

Medical Degree
M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1998

Other Specialty Training
Surgical critical care fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2001–2002

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Lancaster, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
David’s performance during his residency has been excellent. In addition to demonstrating a strong knowledge base, excellent technical skills, and solid professionalism, he has shown outstanding leadership in helping the Department of Surgery reorganize the residency program to respond to new challenges. We will miss his dedication, enthusiasm, and humor, and we wish him the best in his career.
M. Chad Wallis, M.D.

Program
Urology, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1999

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Pediatric urology fellowship, Toronto, Canada

Program Director’s Comments
Chad will be an outstanding pediatric urologist. He has all the requisite skills and the demeanor to help children and their parents deal with the problems of congenital deformity.
Jennifer L. Young, M.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2004

Place of Birth
Gallipolis, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1999

Specialty Interests
Breast oncology

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2000
• Rotating Resident of the Year, Columbus Children’s Hospital, 2003

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Breast fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Program Director’s Comments
Jennifer has been an excellent leader and role model for medical students and junior residents. She has excelled in mastering the craft of surgery and is committed to conscientious and compassionate patient care. Next year, she plans to undertake a breast fellowship at the University of Michigan, and we wish her the best in her career.